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REMARKS

A personal interview with the Examiner is requested in this application.

Claims 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 19-21, 23, 27 and 28 were rejected as being unpatentable over Tim Kao in view of Sarokin.

Claim 14 was rejected over the above art and further in view of Parker which was cited for the wrap-around illumination.

Claim 17 was rejected as being unpatentable over Tim Kao in view of Sarokin and Viano et al., the latter being cited for wrap-around corner light means.

Claim 28 was rejected as being unpatentable over Tim Kao in view of Viano et al.

Claim 30 was rejected as being unpatentable over Tim Kao in view of Parker.

As previously noted, Kao discloses an elongated brake light resting on a front bumper under the radiator grill openings and Sarokin shows has a front mounted vehicle braking indicator.

The Examiner did not discuss the claimed triangular-shaped arrangement of the brake lights at the front of the vehicle with the single brake light being below the two other brake lights. This is understandable since even if the references are combined in their teachings this configuration would not be suggested. In fact, the very opposite would be true. If the teachings were combined, the "point" of the triangle would be above the other lights, just as the arrangement is in the rear of the vehicle.

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This configuration of the brake lights at the front of the vehicle is an important aspect of the present invention. By having an "inverted" triangle (ie, the point down) in the front of the vehicle, it is possible to note from a distance at night, especially, which direction the vehicle is traveling. In typical rear brake light systems, it is to be noted, the brake light is at a "point" of the triangle above the remaining brake lights.

Presumably, the Examiner searched for this feature which appears in the claims and was unable to find such a feature in the art. This fact alone should suggest the unobviousness of the improvement.

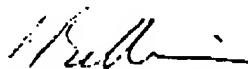
In order to narrow the claimed subject matter to this feature of this invention, it is proposed to amend claim 1 to recite that the third enclosure is positioned below and between the headlight assemblies. This language is taken from claim 12. The claim already recites that a triangle is formed when viewed from the front of the vehicle.

All remaining claims would be canceled.

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned or Mr. Kroll if further changes are required to obtain allowance of the application.

A favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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